teachers, vocational guidance instructors, physical education teachers, language teachers librarians or equivalent teaching posts carrying any other designation.

**Hunger strike by the Karamchari Sanghin Rajkumari Amrit Kaur NursingCollege, Delhi**

2911. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FA MILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether workers belonging to Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Nursing College Karamchari Sangh, Delhi was on a 48 hour relay hunger-strike from 7th March, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c)' what action has been taken *to* meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(h) According to the information received 3 employees sat on relay strike for 48 hours.

(c) The demands ere being looked into.

**Renaming of Kerala Express**

2912. SHRI N. E. BALARAM; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether Government propose to rename Kerala Express as Kerala Mangla Express from May onwards;

(b) whether the capacity to the Manga lore side also will be increased alongwtih: and

(c) if not what is the purpose of changing the name of the train?

THE MINISTER OP STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The capacity for Mangalore side passengers has already been increased since October, 1987.

**Himsagar Express**

2913. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to restore Himsagar Express between Jammu Tawi and Kanyakumari from May, 1988 which had been cancelled last October; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Himsagar Express was cancelled in the process of making Kerala Express a daily service. It has now been decided to provide a direct weekly train between Jammu Tawi and Kanyakumari by extending 17/18 Jammu Tawi-Madras Express to Kanyakumari, it will be called the Himsagar Express.

**Night Blindness in Rajasthan and Gujarat**

2914. SHRl SHANKER SINH VA GHELA; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vitamin A deficiency in Rajasthan and Gujarat specially due to drought and famine has -ed to an epidemic of night blindness affecting over 50 per cent people in rural areas and if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken, and

(b) whether any voluntary Health Association has also drawn Govern ment's attention to this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Drought and famine among other